

General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5431

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## AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION OBTAINED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DURING THE COURSE OF ANTITRUST INVESTIGATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Section 35-42 of the general statutes is amended by adding subsection (i) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2012*):
- 3 (NEW) (i) Notwithstanding the prohibition against public disclosure 4 of documentary material and other information provided in 5 subsections (c) and (e) of this section, any documentary material, 6 responses to interrogatories or written transcripts of oral testimony, or 7 copies thereof, or other information produced pursuant to a demand 8 made under this section or furnished voluntarily, may be used by the 9 Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, in connection 10 with the taking of oral testimony conducted pursuant to this section, 11 when the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee, 12 reasonably determines that it is necessary to disclose confidential 13 material to a person providing oral testimony in order to adduce 14 evidence of a suspected violation of a provision of this chapter and 15 reasonably believes that the person providing oral testimony: (1) Is an 16 author or recipient of the confidential material, (2) has read the 17 confidential material, or (3) is otherwise aware of the substance of the 18 confidential material. The permissible use of confidential material in 19 connection with the taking of oral testimony provided under this

20 subsection shall not apply to investigations of proposed mergers or 21 acquisitions. No copy or original of the confidential material described 22 or shown to a person providing oral testimony pursuant to this section 23 shall be retained by such person. For purposes of this subsection, 24 "confidential material" means documentary material, responses to 25 interrogatories or written transcripts of oral testimony, or copies thereof, or other information produced pursuant to a demand made 26 under this section or furnished voluntarily. 27

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:			3
Section 1	October 1, 2012	35-42	

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